



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Who Art Thou?

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In Zechariah 4:7, we find this exclamation, "Who art thou, O great mountain?" This seems to express our innermost emotion right at this time, and since it does, we beg for space as a ready writer. Feeling that God is with us, we proceed with the mentioning of the 10th verse in the same chapter, "For who hath despised the day of small things?"

Now we wish to speak out specifically lest someone misinterprets our soul, and say from a grateful heart that we are indebted with gratitude for the pioneering and for the pioneers who blazed the way in religion and made it possible for us today to have the privilege of worshiping God in true holiness. But it is heart-breaking that we are so far from enforcing this wonderful privilege. Nevertheless, again we repeat, thank God for small things which pave the way for greater things.

Luther came preaching justification by faith in a risen and living Christ, giving animation and a living hope to thousands who threw off the yoke of papal Rome.

Now we want to notice as we go along with our religious advancement, a material advancement, a competitor, a parallel force that has outrun us.

As justification by faith spread, was preached and enjoyed over the whole of western Europe and unto the new world (America), there came with it, or we will say parallel with it, a spirit of travel,

a development of transportation. The ox cart in those days was the way of popular travel. Then came Wesley and others preaching sanctification, a joyous religion in which the blood of a crucified Christ was magnified, bringing great joy and happiness to the seeker. About this time also we notice that the way of travel had developed into greater advancement of transportation; namely, the locomotive, steamship, and many other material inventions which seemingly began man's great achievements of parallel action on the earth.

God says in Eccles. 7:29, that He made man upright but they have sought out many inventions. Paul says in Rom. 1:30, inventions of evil things. Furthermore the Psalmist backs up these statements forcibly in Psa. 106:29, declaring they have provoked Him to anger with their inventions.

At this writing, as we pause and look at the achievement and progressiveness of man in material matter, we are awestricken, embarrassed and ashamed. Ah, they have outrun us. "Ye did run well; who did hinder you?" Again, our text, "Who art thou, O great mountain?" Who or what is it that is keeping us back, behind our competition of parallel force or power?

Then came a happier folk proclaiming a much greater joy of assurance and confidence in the baptism of the heaven-

sent Holy Ghost, and millions have and are enjoying such an experience. About this time men began to ride in chariots, transportation driven by automotive power, an unheard-of thing developed almost overnight.

Not content with simple modern achievements, they began to sail through the firmament as a dove flies to her window; laughing down on us, and chiding at our registering surprise, holding us in reproach; seemingly saying, Where is your God? And not taking space to mention many, many inventions and achievements, we will just mention one other climax to our surprise in upright man.

Radio is the pinnacle of all man's advancement and he can well mark time there till we catch up; if we ever do, and we must. You ask, Is radio prophesied of in the Bible? Yes, yes. God has not left us to speculation or conjecture. He has told us before it happened. Listen to Isaiah in 24:16. "From"—from—not at, but from—"the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs" by radio. Seemingly man is mocking our testimony of communing with God as he himself seems to command through space a communion of desire and will.

Now, that which we wish to bring to you in truth is this, the mountain of adversity is before us. What shall we do with it? We see man as he forges on, ma-

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Notices

To the Y. P. E. of South Carolina: As Brother Beaube has asked that the Y. P. E. compete with the other departments of the Church in our "Evangel" drive, I am offering a scholarship to Bible School next term to the young person in the state of South Carolina who turns in the most subscriptions at the close of this drive. For further information, write me at my home address, 901 1-2 S. Main St., Anderson, S. C.—Robert Johnson.

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I am in the evangelistic work this year in the state of South Carolina. Anyone desiring a revival, write me at Fort Mill, S. C.—Fred W. Barfield.

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Many of our friends after reading the publication of the healing of our little daughter, Vera, age two years and nine months, who was accidentally run over by a one and one-half ton truck, wish a copy of the issue to keep. This article entitled "Just Another of God's Miracles" appeared in the Dec. 11 issue, and I am asking the readers of the Evangel who have a copy, if they will, to mail it to me. Our church is newly organized and we have our struggles in trying to defeat Satan and this miraculous healing has meant much for the Church of God in our town, I am persuaded to believe. I will remit postage for those mailed to me unless they become too many. Thank you in advance for this favor.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Raymond Young, Steelville, Mo.

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To the pastors of the Miami, Fla. district: This is to notify the pastors of this district that our convention will convene at Coconut Grove, Fla., Jan. 22, 23 with dinner on the ground Sunday. E. M. Ellis, our esteemed state overseer, will be in charge. Bring your baskets and come thou with us, and we will do thee good.—T. C. Messer, district overseer, 863 N. W. 29th Terrace, Miami, Fla.

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To whom it may concern: My address is now 116 Lansing St., Charlotte, Mich. Please pray for Battle Creek, Mich. and an opening in Charlotte for a Church of God. There are good prospects here. Remember we are working for God and let's pray for one another that God will give us souls and help us get the gospel to every creature. People today want to hear the truth in every town. Write me, brothers.—W. T. Truett, pastor.

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To all members of the Dyersburg, Tenn. Church of God: Please send your

aged ministers' assessment, 10c, and your 35c per member on the state parsonage; total 45c, to the clerk, Brother Charles Autry, 711 Bell Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn.—J. M. Foshe, pastor, 846 Barney St., Dyersburg, Tenn.

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We ask all God's people to pray for us. Our nearest church is about fifteen miles and we have a hard battle to fight for Jesus. If there is anyone with a tent who feels led to come our way, which is to Wellborn, Fla., I believe there can be a good work carried on here.—A true member, Estelle Camp, Rt. 2, Box 109, Wellborn, Fla.

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Anyone knowing the address or whereabouts of Evangelist Mary Denny, please inform me of same.—Archie F. McWilliams, 2114 Stone St., Port Huron, Mich.

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We are here at Toler, Ky. in a good revival. The Lord is surely blessing. Saints, pray for our success. Pray that God will give us a real harvest here.—Your humble brother, W. B. Branham in charge, assisted by Brothers Hatfield and G. Walker, Hardy, Ky.

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The North Central camp meeting of the Church of God for Michigan and Ontario will convene June 18-26, inclusive, at Lake Odessa, Mich.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

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If Brother Tom M. West sees this, please write to us.—Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Butler, R. F. D. 2, Concord, N. C.

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Anyone having old Evangelists or Lighted Pathways, I would appreciate it if they would send them to me to distribute in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada.—Millard Littlefield, 32 Hensley St., Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada.

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We are in a revival at Jefferson City, Tenn. with Brother John Scalf doing the preaching. Pray for the continued success of this revival.—Yours with love, C. M. Jones, pastor, Jefferson City, Tenn.

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The district conventions for the state of Florida will convene as follows: Miami district, Jan. 22, 23, Coconut Grove; Manatee district, Jan. 29, 30, Manatee; Lake Worth district, Feb. 5, 6, Riviera; Ft. Myers district, Feb. 12, 13, LaBelle; Lakeland district, Feb. 19, 20, Lakeland; Lake Wales district, Feb. 26, 27, Avon Park; Tampa district, March 12, 13; Largo; Linden district, March 19, 20, Lacoochee; Williston district, March 26, 27, Williston; Jasper district, April 2, 3, Jasper; Branford district, April 9, 10, Branford; Perry district, April 16, 17, Cross City; Pensacola district, April 23,

24, Bonifay; Jacksonville district, April 30, May 1, Lake City; Orlando district, May 7, 8, Zellwood.

You will notice that only two days are given for the conventions. The Sunday School and Y. P. E. conventions will not come in connection with the district conventions this year, therefore the entire time will be given to the church work.

I am leaving it up to the district pastors to arrange the program. The service will begin on each district at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. The Saturday afternoon service will be given to business and instructions. Pastors, deacons and clerks are especially urged to be at this service. You will have time for two sermons Saturday evening, two Sunday morning and one in the afternoon, which will give five sermons for the convention. Sunday morning will be the time for our BIG MISSION offering. Let each district pastor put on a special drive on his district and come with an offering from each local church for the special mission offering on Sunday morning.

The Lord is blessing in a great way in the state of Florida and I am highly pleased with the outlook. I have never met with a finer spirit than is here in the state of Florida. God bless you one and all.—Your brother, E. M. Ellis, state overseer.

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Owing to our obligation on the auditorium in the city of Jacksonville, Fla., found in Assembly Minutes, page 26 under caption of General Indebtedness, also page 25, we must put forth a SPECIAL effort during the fifth Sunday in January, and that churches with five to twenty-five members raise not less than \$5.00, and all churches with from twenty-five members and up raise not less than \$10.00, and forward same to C. F. Bright, 2356 Dennis St., Jacksonville, Fla., as the above described obligation is very pressing.

Come on, pastors and members, let us raise this small amount and relieve our treasurer, C. F. Bright, from the present burden which is facing him. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," Gal. 6:2.—J. H. Curry, overseer, colored work.

CONVENTION DATES

Bahamas	January 20-23, inc.
W. R. Franks, overseer	
Haiti	February 11-13, inc.
J. Vital Herne, overseer	
Jamaica	February 18-20, inc.
H. A. Hudson, overseer	
North Central camp meeting (Michigan and Ontario), June 18-26, inc., Lake Odessa, Mich. Paul H. Walker, overseer.	

Redemption and Atonement

By J. L. GOINS

Heb. 9:22, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

In these dark and sinful days of apostasy in the nominal churches, the Christian religion has been charged with being a bloody religion or rather termed a slaughter house religion; a religion for the shambles, because it demands the blood of Christ.

I read not long ago of a professor of a great theological seminary, who, in instructing his graduating class, said, "I presume that some of you boys are from the country, and now you are starting out to preach the gospel to the world. I do not want to hear of you preaching about the blood of Christ. That is too much like a slaughter house and is therefore revolting to persons of refined sensibilities." But I think what the blood is to our bodies (in natural life) the blood of Christ is to the Bible. You take the blood out of the Bible and you have a dead book. If you were to take your pencil and mark out all the passages that refer to the blood, from Genesis to Revelation, you would have but little left. In fact, the whole value of the Book would be gone. The historical part would be meaningless, the teaching powerless, and the prophetic statements would remain unfulfilled. The whole doctrine of the Bible depends upon the blood. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission" (forgiveness), no justification, no sanctification. In it is our rest, our joy, our peace. Our hope of heaven depends upon the shed blood.

1. THE ATONEMENT

The word "atonement" means "reconciliation" or "at-one-ment". It means to reunite. When Adam fell he alienated and separated the human family from God. God's law was broken and it is a principle of law, that the "penalty" of a broken law must fall upon the breaker of the law or upon his substitute; otherwise the law is of no effect. What would a law be worth without a penalty? It is not the law, it is the penalty that man stands in fear of. Then, knowing that all was under the curse of the law, an "atonement" was needed to redeem us from the curse of the law. When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit that God told them not to eat of they broke God's law and the penalty was, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Gen. 16, 17. And, as they were dead in trespasses and sin, and could not redeem themselves, then it be-

came necessary that a substitute be provided. That "kinsman" or substitute that God provided was in the person of Jesus Christ Himself. But, as Jesus stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world, it was not until four thousand year's later that Jesus paid the "penalty" of Adam's "transgression" by His death on the Cross in the opening of the Sixth Dispensation, which is Grace. But all down through the corridor of time, God provided that by the shedding of the blood of bullocks, goats, and innocent lambs, as they were slain and laid upon Hebrew altars, all were a reminder and pointed forward to the Cross of Calvary, teaching them that great object lesson, keeping ever before the people the fact that without the shedding of blood there could be no remission (forgiveness) of sins.

Jesus Christ, God's dear Son, satisfied the broken law on Calvary's Cross, and bore our sins in His own body. Let us note Col. 2:13-26, "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Thank God for the Cross. The Apostle Paul prized the Cross so highly that he states, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," Gal. 6:14.

THE BLOOD AND ITS VALUATION

First, it saves the sinner from his sins. I am afraid that in these last days there is not enough stress upon the work of the blood. The question may arise, Did Christ die to save the sinner from his sins? Let the Scripture settle it. In Matt. 26:28 Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (plural).

Eph. 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Col. 1:14, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Rev. 1:5, "... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

1 John 2:2, "And he is the propitiation (or sacrifice) for our sins: and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world."

Rom. 3:25, "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (or sacrifice) through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins

that are past." This shows that through the blood we are eradicated of our past sins.

Second, we are sanctified through the blood. Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

Third, through the blood the Church was purchased. Acts 20:28. After Paul had set the Church in order at Ephesus and had stayed with them for three and a half years, these are his parting words, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Fourth, through the blood the Jew and Gentile were reconciled unto God in one body. Eph. 2:13, 16, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross."

Fifth, the blood keeps the Church cleansed and in fellowship. 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." So if we want to stay cleansed, let us stay under the blood. Let us have it on our life, in our testimonies, in our songs, and in our sermons.

People Are Getting Blessed Here

Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God for the way He is blessing us here at Riviera. We had a wonderful service Sunday morning. People are getting saved here.

We were called to pray for a four-year-old girl who had pneumonia. God healed her. Next day the doctor came out and hardly knew what to think. But I'm glad Jesus is still in the healing business.

Since coming to Riviera we found a wonderful crowd of people to work with. They believe in the Church of God and its teachings. We love them very much and, too, they stand by their pastor for which we praise God. We have covered the parsonage and part of the church and the sisters are getting money to ceil the church. The sisters believe in doing their part. If you want to raise money for your church, let the sisters work some. Pray for us that God will make this a great year and give us many souls.—A brother, Carl L. White, pastor, Gen. Del., Riviera, Fla.

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✿ Editorials ✿

The Habit of Going to Church on Sunday Morning

We hope that this method will never be changed. The method we have of printing Bibles and religious literature makes it possible for every person to have an abundant supply of these helps. You can get Bibles from 10c to \$18.00. Also, there is the radio broadcasts on Sunday morning and you can sit in your room and hear a stirring message. This is a wonderful invention but it has a tendency to keep people away from the Sunday morning service. In my judgment this should not do away with the habit of going to church and worshipping God on Sunday morning. It is God's plan that people should meet together and sing hymns of praise, pray and mingle their voices together in honor of the Savior who died to redeem us. When people think that they can have a church in their homes, read religious literature and listen to a message over a radio, and keep their victory and power, they are sadly mistaken. Nothing will take the place of worshipping together on Sunday morning.

The Pastor's Message

The pastors of the churches are largely responsible for the attendance on Sunday morning. If the pastor is of a disposition to make collections his object and take the pulpit to criticize the members of the congregation and say cutting things and denounce imperfections, he certainly is making a sad mistake. He can voice his disapproval of transgression and negligence in the spirit of meekness and humbleness and thereby prove a great blessing to the saved and the unsaved in his congregation. The best thing for pastors to do is to pray until they feel assured that God has given them a text and until they can feel the anointing to that degree that they are sure what they say is divinely inspired. It is a sad misfortune that a pastor will preach and teach and move among his flock in a way

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that will cause the majority of his congregation to disapprove of his having the oversight of the church to which they belong. It is impossible for a pastor to please everybody but he should be careful and steer clear of any prejudice or taking sides with things that would warrant any of his membership complaining or being dissatisfied with his service. He can preach the gospel uncompromisingly and in his social life he can conduct himself in that way that no one will be able to criticize him and say that he is partial.

A great preacher was asked the question of how he could pastor a church of 3,000 members and have the good will of all the congregation. His reply was, "When I enter the pulpit I go there in the fear of God and I preach the gospel without fear or favor to class or kind. On Sunday morning my handshaking consists of making the poorest in my congregation feel my love and interest in them." He had in his congregation several men who drove the city trash wagons and he never let them get away without shaking hands with them. Some asked him about the wealthy in his congregation. Several bankers belonged to his church. He said, "The wealthy and cultured have more sense and refinement than to take offense at the love and respect shown the poor and more misfortunate."

The Present Pitiful Situation

It is pitiful to note that in many communities many churches' average attendance for the Sunday morning service in winter and in summer, in bad weather and in good weather is less than one-half of its actual membership. It is sad to note the indifference of church members, and I am talking about the Church of God. Some of them never visit the midweek prayer meeting. We owe it to our church and to the God who gave us His Son to visit these places of worship, especially the Sunday morning service. No service during the week holds such sacred blessings as the Sunday morning service. Every church member should be there and

we should have enough grace to look over the imperfections of many of our brothers and sisters. There is nothing that will add to our joy in the Lord more than the whole-hearted worship of the Sunday morning service. There is nothing so important to the church. It is pitiful to think of the weakness of many of the local churches. It is stated that at least half of the members of the majority of the local churches are not regular attendants at the Sunday morning services. In my experience as a pastor for many years, some of the flock over which I was shepherd only attended the revivals. Many went home the night the revival closed and would hardly be seen in the congregation until another revival was announced. This is a sad condition. There ought to be such love and unity in the local church until every one that is missing from the Sunday morning service should be thought of and prayed for and inquired after until a plausible excuse could be rendered to the congregation for their absence. You cannot substitute radio messages and reading of religious literature for the Sunday morning service and hold your good experience and do your best for the Master.

Other Meetings

Many Christian people attend other religious meetings—Sunday School, Sunday evening service, young people's meeting, Willing Workers' meeting, or group meetings of some kind and yet are very irregular about going to church on Sunday morning; in many cases never go.

This Ought Not So To Be

The Sunday morning church service is the most important of all religious services, the one grand central meeting of them all, in a class all by itself with a pre-eminence all its own, for the whole Christian public in itself, the center around which all church machinery should revolve.

The Sunday School is one of the two most important organizations in the Church of God. It is a feeder to, not a substitute for, the Church. Its mission is to train the Church's young people for church membership. When it makes itself a substitute for church it is failing in the very thing it exists to do, and yet quite commonly, all over the country, Sunday School people in great droves go away without remaining for church. This is not right.

What is the Difference?

Some will say, Is not one religious meeting just as good as another? It may be, but interest in any of the lesser meetings is no excuse for indifference toward the most important of all meetings. In taking care of our physical bodies we put great stress on the noon lunch time, and so we feel that the Sunday morning

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The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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God's Way

The tragedy of today is that so many Christians are attempting to serve God in their own way, instead of God's appointed way. How much greater a force God's people could be in the world if He could only have His way more fully in them everywhere. How great is the need in every place of witnesses who know and walk with God.

Notice some of the characteristics of those who would walk in God's way:

1. A full surrender of all to God. How long and trying and what a struggle for us to get our all into His hands! But what have we ever gained by holding back anything from Him? We only hinder Him and block our own way. Give Him your all—body, soul and spirit, time, ability and talents and all earthly goods; lay them at the Master's feet for time and eternity.

2. Salvation is a free gift. We can never do anything to merit it, but we are in no position to receive it until we surrender our all to God. And so it is with all God's power and every blessing which He has for His own. He waits to bestow and would bestow, but we withhold from Him and therefore He cannot do for us what He would.

3. God's way is the way of faith for all. We begin by faith and carry on by faith all the way. Faith implies that all is in His hands and we are looking to Him to keep us and guide us, empower us, supply us and use us in the furthering of His own purpose on earth. Without that relying faith we cannot please Him at any time or in any place.

4. The fact that we are trusting God by faith to fulfill all, does not preclude the thought of obedience. Full obedience connects the circuit for the operation of faith. God's Word is the track on which His blessings come; doubts, unbelief and sin block the way. It is faith and obedience that keep it clear.

5. God's way is the path of sacrifice. "If any man will come after me," said Jesus, "let him take up his cross and deny himself and follow me." Does not this mean in the ordinary comforts and blessings of life as well as heart humility? Does one who is careless in financial matters and who spends his money selfishly or extravagantly measure up to this?

6. God's way is in the Christlike spirit or the way of love. The criminal, the infidel, the heathen, and all classes of sinners, when they find Jesus, the true

way, partake of that spirit, that is, they are filled with the love of Jesus. It is the opposite of the hate, selfishness, unbelief, covetousness, pride, lustfulness, murder, etc. of the present evil world. What a transformation!

What it does mean to go God's way! How different now and what will it be in the time to come! The followers of Jesus are to appear with Him and be like Him in that day.

Young People's Corner

A False Hope

BE NOT DECEIVED

The unrighteous do not inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6:9.

Evil communications corrupt good manners. 1 Cor. 15:33.

Men shall reap what they sow. Gal. 6:7.

In any journey nothing can be more important than a right start—getting on the right road. The journey may be important. You may begin with good intentions. You may have all necessary equipment for the undertaking, but you must take the right course—get on the right route, this is essential.

How many warnings God has given in His Word concerning the way to heaven. He has shown us the bypaths and the side-roads and sidetracks and those which would deceive and mislead us.

1. There are those who trust in their own good works. Their righteousness is based on what they do and what they are worth. This is a false hope for Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Nothing in us or about us counts, all our righteousness is but filthy rags, but it is Jesus who paid the price of our redemption.

2. Then there are those who practice sin while here on earth, expecting that in that day Jesus will stand for them and in some way they hope to get through. This is a false hope since "today is the day of salvation." Now is the time to make preparation to meet God. The gospel is being preached and salvation offered to men now.

3. Salvation is a definite experience and not merely a church-joining with acceptance of a formal religion and no change of heart and life. Sin is death, spiritual death now and eternal death

hereafter. The saved have life, they have it now and eternally hereafter. Dead, formal religion gives no true hope for the present or future.

4. That profession of religion whose owner is united with the present world and its treasures, gives only a false hope, for this world shall perish and all who love it shall share the same fate. All who would make sure of heaven would do well to heed the many warnings concerning the snares, traps and pitfalls to be encountered in this present world.

5. If, as a professed Christian, you take little or no interest in Bible study, the prayer meeting and in secret prayer, but you have more interest in the radio, daily paper, the funnies, baseball, etc., it is evident that your Christian hope is vain. The true Christian puts God first.

The Word of God is so positive, the way is made so plain, and the provision for the salvation of all is so ample there is no excuse for any. "Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Saved, How?

By faith. Gal. 3:26.

By obedience. 1 Pet. 1:14.

By living the life. Phil. 2:12.

A Chinese Christian leader was asked, "Why should we teach Christianity to China when she has the ethics of Confucianism?" He gave three reasons:

1. Confucius was a teacher, Christ is a Savior. China needs a Savior more than she needs a teacher.

2. Confucius is dead, Christ is alive. China needs a living Savior.

3. Confucius is some day going to stand before Christ to be judged by Him. China needs to know Christ as a Savior before she meets Him as a Judge.

The beauty of the gospel is not that sin is overlooked, but searched out and forgiven; not that sin is a trifle, but it is shown up in all its hideousness and destroyed.

In the pulpit—above learning, eloquence, methods or anything that can be named—the preacher needs the anointing of the Holy Ghost unction. This is the heritage of those who pray, that is, it comes by praying, praying, praying.

"Prayer is work, exacting work, humbling work, self-emptying work, and very few can stand the test. Therefore, very few make a daily habit of prayer."

Our Foes

"A man's foes shall be they of his own household." That means that Jesus' own friends who fail Him, hurt Him more than any opposer in the world without.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

FINAL REPORT ON WORLD-MISSION CRUSADE

(Continued)

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY

I was improved in body again after nine days of rest in Japan, and of course my spirit revived as well, since receiving such a good letter from India, and too, the thoughts of returning home served as a needed stimulant.

We sailed from Kobe on board the M. S. "Hikawa Maru" Sept. 6, calling at Nagoya, Shimidzu and Yokahama before embarking upon the trans-Pacific journey. While docked at the latter named city, we visited Tokyo and saw much signs of military activity in the capital, in preparation for a long campaign in China, if necessary from their point of view.

Eleven days and some hours after clearing the mainland of Japan, we entered the strait of Juan De Fuca, and saw the distant lights along the shore of British Columbia, Canada. This was a welcome sight indeed, after a stormy voyage, during which time I suffered another recurrent attack of the dysentery and thought my time had come to go. The Japanese ship's doctor and his assistant stood over me for a time as I lay there in my berth chilling, vomiting, and doubled up with the cramps. They mumbled something in their language, shook their heads and walked away. Well, to make a long story short, the Lord raised me up and my stomach is in better shape than it has been in years. Praise God forever.

We followed the great circle route sailing near the Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula. When the 180th meridian was crossed we gained back the day lost on the westward journey last year. It was Sunday that was lost before, while this time we crossed on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and had to live the same day over again—two Tuesdays in one week, giving us thirty-one days for the month.

After docking for a few hours in Vancouver, the ship set sail for the cross of Puget Sound to Seattle, Washington, where we arrived early on the morning of Sept. 21. From the latter city we took the train for Portland, Oregon, Sacramento, and Los Angeles, California, en route to the General Assembly, via the Pacific Coast and the South Border states. I stopped over for a week with the family in Long Beach and took my wife and baby along for the rest of the

journey. So many things combined to hinder us on this trip that I felt as though I never could stand to set my feet on the deck of another ship. And I almost made up my mind to stay on dry land, yet determined to do what I could for those who do muster up enough courage to tackle the work in foreign fields, during these trying times. However, since visiting the General Assembly in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where some six thousand people were packed into the great Memorial Auditorium, to enjoy the blessings of God and the hospitality of that friendly city, I feel different. We wondered what we were going to do with all the people if they kept coming in ever-increasing numbers. So one solution to this problem was offered when we received telegrams from the Mayor of Houston, Texas, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce there, tendering to us the use of their new colosseum seating 20,000 people. We have this invitation now from Texas, and the officials at Houston say they "will leave nothing undone to make our next Assembly the biggest and best in the history of the Church." Nevertheless, we have an invitation to the General Assembly in the skies, and I for one don't want to miss it. So here I am back in the harness again and starting another tour that may equal either of the last two in mileage, though of a necessity, I will have no reason for circling the globe again at this time.

You are wondering no doubt about the net results accomplished during our trip under consideration. Therefore, it will be necessary to carry our readers—in their minds—back to the shores of poor troubled China, since there have been some new developments there.

THE CONCLUSION

Before giving you the latest, I should like to say that there is another war going on in China—other than the one you have been hearing so much about. The spiritual warfare for Christ is going strong in that great country, with thousands of the natives turning to Christ in the revival that has been sweeping the land. Many high-ranking officials are seeking God in the meetings. For example, I am told the Generalissimo of the Chinese armies, General Chiang Kai-shek, has been saved and baptized in water and is praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Madame Kai-shek, I understand, has already received the infilling of the Spirit according to the Bible pattern. I met Rev. James G. Peponis, the world-

famous Greek-American missionary to China, while in Shanghai. I saw the mighty work the Lord has been doing through this humble man of God. Brother "Pepp", as we called him, was miraculously healed at Bethel Temple in Chicago about eight years ago, filled with the Spirit and called to the mission field. He has been used in organizing and building one of the largest and most prosperous mission works in that section of China. There are several gospel cars and boats in operation—some with public address systems—and a large group of missions. The building at headquarters cost more than \$100,000.00—Chinese—it is said, and they own considerable other property. A Bible School is maintained for the training of native ministers. It costs around \$1,000.00—Shanghai—monthly to support the work, yet the Chinese have taken the burden of this responsibility upon themselves, not looking to any foreign board. Brother Peponis, who is on furlough in America at this time, was here looking for me and has written, being interested in our program. If we had a few more men like this I believe we could make a showing in China. Well, the Lord is bringing them in! For example, there is Brother Pitt, whom we shall mention again in another paragraph.

Our readers might have heard of the famous "Glory Land Mission" run by Brother Peponis in China. Then too, I was thinking of the great work built up by the late Nettie Moomau, famous missionary to Shanghai. Sister Moomau was a Presbyterian formerly, and came home—in America—to die, being in the last stages of tuberculosis. But she went into a Pentecostal Church, got healed and filled with the Spirit. After this she returned to China where she lived and worked for about thirty years longer. Today there are about a dozen strong churches standing as a monument to her life's work. These missions are self-supporting likewise, and the chief minister Brother Chan Yonpoa, asked me to send a Church of God missionary to fill her place if possible, as soon as the war is over. It seems that the Lord has a way for us to meet the right people, at the right time, and in the right place. I was lodged in the home of Brother R. P. McNair, the husband of an ex-Church of God missionary, where I ran into this brother and others. We were privileged to meet the Rev. J. W. Van Kirk of Youngstown, Ohio, who heads a movement in the interest of world peace, and designed a flag for the nations, containing the rainbow colors. His work, and especially the flag, has attracted world-wide attention. Dr. Van Kirk, though nearing his eightieth birthday, was in the course of his fourth

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Bible School Echoes

POLISHING DIAMONDS

This morning brings us to the beginning of another year. I think of this New Year as a golden opportunity the Lord has placed before us. This year will be a blessing to only those that make themselves a blessing.

Today, in my imagination, I can see many bright faces all over the universe. When you pick up the *Evangel* and turn the pages to the "Bible School Echoes," and read the themes of different boys and girls here at school, I fancy I can hear you questioning another. I hear many voices say, "I wonder what the Bible Training School is like. How have the girls and boys that go there been benefited by it? How do they spend their time? What have they been doing in these months of school this year, and what have they accomplished in the past years of school?" Some people do not seem to have the right idea of Bible School. They do not seem to know what it is really like.

I have pondered over these questions for several years. I have thought of the Bible School as an air castle I would never be permitted to live in. The Lord has permitted me to be here in reality for a few months, and I have these questions settled in my mind. The Bible Training School is greater than I can find words to describe. One will have to be here to know what it is really like.

The school and faculty this morning, I feel, will agree with me in saying, "We have been polishing diamonds." Probably you will wonder why I esteem it so highly.

We have many people in our churches today of both old and young who may be wondering what is the highest round on the ladder they can reach in making a mark for God. The world today is demanding youth; and youth is asking for the opportunity to show the world its ability. You may not think their appearance is as pleasant as you would like to look at, but have you stopped to think that probably there is a diamond hidden in them? It may just be waiting for someone to help polish it so that it can gleam in this dark age for the Savior.

Here in the Bible Training School the teachers and each student are helping polish one another. Day by day we are finding a little more of the gleam from the diamonds that are coming to light in the students. This is a place to which individuals may come, and no matter how deep their ability seemingly may be hid, it just cannot keep from shining a little.

When the light begins to gleam, the faculty does not lose time in helping that student on up the ladder of success.

This is not as other institutions, but I feel it is the greatest of them all. Our other schools are to be appreciated. They have educated the members of the government body of America, for which we are grateful. They have done great things for our country, but have they done great things for the Lord? I feel safe in saying that those who go to Bible School do not seek the fame and honor of the world, but favor with God. My conviction of what makes this school prosper is that God has His approval on it. In John 17:16 Jesus speaking of the disciples said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." I am sure this school is as far from the worldly ones as the disciples were from the world. It makes each of us appreciate a school where we can feel free in having Jesus with us.

In the Bible Training School we do not spend our time in entertaining the world. We have all doors swung open to the Holy Ghost, and every prayer that goes forth has a special invitation for Him to come in and have His way. Our time is spent mostly in communion with the Lord. No wonder we boost the Bible? Is it a wonder it has its place in the Assembly, *Evangel*, and conventions? I say, No!

Many wonder why we think we have to come here to prepare ourselves for the various calls of God, which we appreciate very much. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Is there a better place anywhere to study and consecrate your life to God? When we are all trimming, rubbing, and polishing, does it not make it easier to shine as diamonds? While we are seemingly shut off from the evil influence of the world, we are daily building a spiritual foundation that will enable us to stand against the forces of the evil world that will press against us when we are out on the field. We are endeavoring to prepare ourselves to face Satan's forces and declare the gospel of Christ.

The lives of many people that are out on the battlefield now are as gleams in the dark. They would have been as hidden diamonds had they not been discovered in the Bible School.

There is nothing too good that I can say for the C. of G. B. T. S.—Elsie Lou Tinsley, Lynch, Ky.

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Friday Afternoon Service

As the student body was gathered for the last Friday afternoon service before the Christmas holidays, the Spirit of the

Lord hovered over the entire service. It all seemed God-breathed.

The service was conducted by the writer. George Brazell directed the songs and the student body sang first, "It's Glory for Me," then "Heaven Bound." After concert prayer they sang, "Are you Ready for the Judgment Day?"

George Barker played a guitar solo, "No Shadows," after which the B. T. S. girls' quartet sang, "Steal Away in Secret."

The first speaker was Cecil Bridges. His subject was "Have Faith in God." He expressed his desire for more faith in God. Through faith we are better enabled to serve Christ and win souls for Him. For examples of faith he used Noah, the builder of the ark; the Israelites crossing the Red Sea; the impotent man healed; and the woman healed of the issue of blood. We were all made to feel the need of greater faith in God.

After this speaker everyone sang "Prayer Bells of Heaven."

The next speaker, George Barker, gave an opportunity for all to testify. The Lord blessed and we were made to feel His presence and power, as shouts of praise were heard from all over the study hall.

Our last speaker was Hoyle Case. He requested that Ruth Rice sing "Have You Counted the Cost?" After her song he took his text from Gal. 5:1. The few words of admonition helped us to feel the importance of counting the cost of our soul and the awfulness of being lost.

As he is preparing to sail to the foreign field, he told how the Lord impressed him to go and He would go with him. Also "we must have works with our faith to be a blessing to others, and to please the Lord." His subject was "Eight High Points to Drive For." First, the zeal of Jehu. Some didn't have the zeal for God that it takes to put over the program of God. If Christians would live a strict, clean, holy life every day and in every place, they would make the sinner ashamed to commit wrongs in their presence. Second, "The humility of Christ." No matter what others may do or say to us, we are to retain a humble Christlike spirit. Third, "The patience of Job." Many Christians lack patience which is a necessity in dealing with others. Fourth, "The faithfulness of Abraham." Wherever we may be, in India, North Dakota, Florida, or elsewhere, we must be faithful in whatever work the Lord has placed on us. Fifth, "The love of John." We can mold our traits and dispositions in such a way that we will be loved by those we meet. To those who are to work on the field, don't criticize the sinner but win him with tact of love and wisdom. Sixth, "The wisdom of Solomon." To be a soul winner we must use wisdom. (Continued on page 15)

Reports

Spirit of God Prevailing in Pacific Northwest

Just before the Assembly it was possible to organize a Church of God here at Wapato, Wash. The Spirit of God is doing a great work here. The church was set in order with twenty-eight members. Since then God has made it possible to build a church, 30x60, with a parsonage in the back, and all paid for.

Since the Assembly there has been a revival spirit and twenty-two more have come into the church, making fifty-eight in all.

We have a Sunday School of 100 to 121. GOD IS WITH THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Many are being converted, many sanctified, and many are receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Pray for the West that the Church of God will rise and glow that many will see the light and accept. There are many honest hearts out here that are hungry for the truth.

Any Church of God people in the state of Washington or Idaho who would like to get in touch with me, or have any prospects for a work, may address me at Wapato, Wash., Box 106.—J. B. Camp, overseer of Washington and Idaho.

The Y. P. E. Moving Forward

I deem it an honor to have been reappointed as the state president for the Y. P. E. in the state of Ohio.

I am proud of our young people of this state. We all worked together last year in love, unity, and co-operation, so let us do equally as well this year, if not better. We certainly do want to see things move for God in this state as well as every state. If we will see things progress, we must continue the spirit of fellowship that we have been having.

The time is coming now for our district conventions. We must re-elect district presidents and secretary-treasurers. We are now making plans for a district rally in the Hamilton-Middletown district, also the Canton-Akron district. We will be coming your way, Columbus and also Marietta and Youngstown districts, before long.

Remember last year the blessings we enjoyed at our state convention which convened in Toledo, Ohio, and how Brother and Sister Lewis worked to make us all comfortable and happy. I am sure pleasant memories of that convention still linger in our minds. Now Y. P. E's, let us have one better than that, or perhaps,

we could have a ten-day camp meeting for our Y. P. E.

If we are going to have another good time of getting together, we must not forget to send in our offerings, so please send in one offering a month to your district secretary-treasurer and this will be used to take care of our convention. Let every local Y. P. E. tithe your net monthly offerings and send in your tithes to our state secretary-treasurer, Miss Gladys Warden, 1144 Clarendon Ave., S. W., Canton, Ohio. This is to defray any traveling expense of your state president.

Let us love one another, pray for one another and work together. Our motto is Nehemiah 4:6: "For the people had a mind to work."—Mrs. R. E. Kinsley, Y. P. E. state president of Ohio, 1728 Gibbs Ave., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

In a Battle For the Lord

MT. HEBRON, Calif.—Praise God for victory in my soul. Praise Him because He hears and answers prayer.

When we started to this place we met with discouragement on every side. It seemed as if the devil was determined that we shouldn't come here. But praise the good Lord, we came on and the devil lost again.

We're in a battle and the Lord certainly is working. Of course, the devil started things going too. Everything is certainly in a stir around here. There are some fine people here, real children of God. There are only four or five Christians but others are hungry for the Word. The Lord is certainly blessing in a wonderful way.

Christians everywhere, please pray much for us and for this place. Cincinnati church, pray for us; we have faith in your prayers.

Let's every one strive to live closer to God. Let His perfect character be the divine measuring rod for ours.—Finnabea Hughes.

Thank God for His Wonderful Blessings

We thank God for our pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister Teaster. They surely are God-sent people and are doing a great work here. We are so glad to have them with us again this year.

I praise God for what He is to me. It means so much to trust in God when our friends forsake us but, praise the Lord, we can do it if we only try.

I thank God for His great power to heal. He has healed my body many times. A few weeks ago I could not walk more than a block or two without suffering great pain and now, praise God, I can walk miles and never feel a pain. I have missed only one service since He saved,

sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I can never praise Him enough for these wonderful blessings. And I pray to God every day to keep me humble and doing His will until He comes or calls. If we do the will of our blessed Savior we have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

I praise God for a Church of God at this place and ask the dear saints to pray for it that it will rise and shine. We have a good Y. P. E., such a nice group of young people. We also have a fine Sunday School. It is small but growing, thank God.

I feel that the time is short until Jesus will come for His people. Oh, we do want to be ready. Pray for me to ever be faithful and let God have His way.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Arthur R. Gano, 603 Black Oak St., Greenville, Tenn.

In Appreciation of Faithful Pastors

AKRON, Ohio.—We take this method of expressing our appreciation for our good pastor, Brother R. H. Bell, and his good wife, who labored with us for three years. We loved them so and did hate to see them leave us. But not our will but our Father's will be done. We hope the people at their new charge love them as we do and that God is blessing them.

We have our former pastor, Brother Phillips, and his good family back with us and we surely appreciate them, for they certainly are good people. Brother Phillips surely preaches God's Word as it is, for which we are proud of him.

Please pray that God will send us the man He wants us to have for a great revival. We covet your prayers.—Your sister in the Master's service, Marie Melinger, 2592 Shelburn St.

Feasting on Good Things from Heaven

COCONUT GROVE, Fla.—I am glad to sound a note of praise for the way God is wonderfully blessing us here. We have been feasting on good things from heaven.

We certainly appreciate our pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby, and family. After preachers' meeting Brother Hamby conducted a two weeks' revival. The dear Lord met with us in every service. The saints were revived, backsliders reclaimed, sinners redeemed, nine were added to the church. Oh glory, I still feel the fire.

We also won the district Sunday School banner in spite of bad weather and so many people having measles. God has wonderfully touched Brother Johnny Page's body. We surely praise God for that.—A humble sister in Christ, Ethel Lowry.

Denver, Colo. Church of God Blessed

The Church of God at Denver, Colo. was encouraged and blessed by the presence of the state overseer, Brother S. J. Wood and wife, Nov. 27-Nov. 31. They toured from the southern part of New Mexico to the northern part of Colorado to visit the little flock.

During their stay with us a Pentecostal minister, wife and two sons were added to the church. We were happy to have these good people come into our ranks.

Brother and Sister Wood delivered some inspirational messages as well as some much-needed, sound doctrinal truths. They made a favorable impression upon the people here and all are feeling a real love for their new overseer and wife.

Four have been saved, several sanctified in the regular services here since the Assembly. The work is moving on nicely. Much sacrifice has been made by Sister Banks and coworkers in this great, western city. We remember the first requirements the divine Son of God made of His disciples (St. Luke 9:23) was self-denial. If we HAVE NOT and DO NOT deny ourselves as first requirement of cross-bearers, we are immediately disqualified for the work of God. 1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps."

We are not sitting in our tent discouraged, defeated and hopeless (as did Abraham on one occasion, Gen. 15:5), feeling the promises given in life's early morning are unfulfilled. We have all had those hours to confront but as God gave to Abraham, so He gives to us, the vision of the future, courage to go forth to new achievements.

We fancy we see the far-flung horizon beaming with Him who was called "the pioneer of life."

Our desire of heart is to possess a loyalty to the Master that shall be stronger than love of life. The Christ-cleansed, the Christ-redeemed and the Christ-controlled life is the victorious life!

Pray for the progress of the Church of God in Denver.—Humbly yours in His service, Dorothy Diffenderfer, 801 Lipan St., Denver, Colo.

Work in Seneca, S. C. Looks Encouraging

SENECA, S. C.—The Lord surely is blessing in Seneca. We are praising Him for what He is doing here. We came here from the Assembly and started working. The first thing we tried to do was to find our people and see if they were going to church and Sunday School. We found some were not, so we began inviting people to church and praying and

showing them that we loved them.

Since we came here our Sunday School has come up from forty to ninety. There have been twelve saved, ten sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church just in our regular services, not a revival. We had the church dedicated and a wonderful time we had. There was good singing, good music, good preaching by our good overseer and a good dinner and \$48.00 in cash. We have made our payments on the church. We have organized a string band and it is going good and we have one of the best piano players in Oconee county.

The Willing Workers have prayer service twice each week and regular meetings on Thursday. They do have a good time and are doing a good work. They are paying for the roof on our church. They just got a quilt out today for sale, trying to raise money to help our Christmas program.

We have made about 200 visits and been in 102 homes; we have made many good friends. The officials of the mill are so nice to us. They give us the privilege to go in the mill and give us money on the church and a good house and lights and water on mill village free. Pray for us here, we are planning on a great revival soon. Your brother, J. C. Green, pastor, 36 Gammell St.

God is Doing Wonderful Things For Us

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex. — Dear Evangel readers, we are glad to report victory at Albuquerque. I feel like traveling on. We know God has answered prayer in many ways.

We surely give them a hearty welcome to overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister S. J. Wood, with us over the week-end. We surely give them a hearty welcome to come and be with us again.

Brother Cardwell is here doing all he can for the Lord and His Church. We need your prayers for the work here. Our Sunday School is growing. We had forty-four out Sunday, Nov. 5. We are praying for a revival. We don't have a Church of God here but hope to have some day. God has so wonderfully given us a place to have service in and has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Dear saints, when you pray please remember us and the work here.—Mrs. G. L. Cardwell, 1504 S. Arno St.

Found the People With Victory in Their Souls

LADONIA, Tex.—Dear saints, we arrived at Ladonia, Tex., Nov. 15, and to say the saints gave us a hearty welcome would be putting it mild. We found the people here with victory in their souls. The dear Lord has been blessing

since we came. We found a very interesting Sunday School here, also a nice band of young people. And too, the Willing Workers have a mind to work.

The building was filled to its capacity Sunday night with several outside. So you see we are looking for a prosperous year in this part of God's vineyard.

Pray much for us and the church at Ladonia.—J. T. Melton, pastor.

Interested in Church of God

MYRTLEWOOD, Ala.—I am happy to say that I received my first copy of the Evangel and have read every word of it. It makes me sad, however, to read of the afflictions of many of the people, both physically and financially. I wish I was able to help everyone in distress.

Although I have been a member of the Baptist church for more than thirty-five years, I have been attending services just as regularly as I can at the Church of God at Half Acre since they built them a new church nearby. This little band has been struggling along for several years under very adverse conditions, holding their meetings in a shady grove in the summer time or in a member's home in winter. As I said, I am a Baptist, but I am going to give this church what support I can. I think their pastor, Brother Julius Williamson, and his good wife are real Christian people and are doing all that lays in their power for the upbuilding of Christianity.—E. L. Breckenridge.

God Has Approved Our Work

Thank God this morning for His presence. I've been feeling so good in my soul.

Thank God for our church here in Rock Hill and our beloved pastor, Brother Linwood Jacobs. Truly he is a blessing to both saint and sinner. Our church is packed and overflowing from time to time as he brings the true gospel with the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost. We're just glad to turn our services over to the Holy Ghost as we so often do.

We also praise Him for a band of people moulded together, co-operating and working willingly with love and unity, looking for His soon coming, moved by God's miraculous power—our Redeemer, Healer and Keeper. Yes, wonderful healings of T. B., cancer, and diseases doctors have given up, have taken place here and we feel God has stamped His seal of approval on our work as we see these things go when God says "Go". Believers are healed, saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's Holy Ghost, and are personal witnesses telling others about it.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ruth Ayers, Crest St. Ext., Rock Hill, S. C.

Testimonies

Lord Wonderfully Healing

MORGANTON, Ga.—Dear saints everywhere, we take this method of letting you know that our dear father is getting along fine, although they carried him to the hospital and took the cancer out of his eye. Also upon examination they found he had high blood pressure and heart trouble. He says the Lord is healing him. Praise the Lord forever.

He still asks an interest in the prayers of the saints for complete healing and for grace and power to overcome. Pray that the Lord will sanctify him.

We thank everyone who sent anointed cloths, and may God bless and prosper you is our prayer. Pray for our loved ones that they may get full salvation.

I praise God because my sins are under the blood. Hallelujah! I am glad I can trust God for healing. Pray that I will ever be in the will of the Lord. Pray for husband to be healed; he is afflicted in body, and pray that he will get full salvation. He is a believer in divine healing.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nora Hunter. Rt. 1.

A Note of Praise Unto God

I praise God for victory in my soul. I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

Thank the dear Lord for liberty in my soul. I thank Him for healing me when I get sick. I have the doors of my heart open for God to rule and direct me in the paths of righteousness. May I impress the greatness of salvation on the poor sinner who is lost out on the cold, bleak mountains of sin. Please turn to the Lord before it is too late. I was saved when I was twelve years old. I prayed until God wonderfully delivered my soul. Yet I am three thousand miles from home in the States, I am preparing for a heavenly home which, praise God, I intend to live in. Later God wonderfully sanctified my soul, cleansed it, made it pure. Then a little later He wonderfully filled me with heaven's Holy Ghost. Glory to God, I feel like telling the world about Jesus. Sinner, please give your heart to God today. I am a United States soldier which is a very disciplined band of people. Uncle Sam is very strict on everyone who joins the service. I give all the praise unto God for taking care of me. When I get discouraged, I call upon God, my closest friend.

Please pray for my two brothers and two sisters that they may seek God and

share His blessings which He has in store for them that love Him. I am always for the Church and Y. P. E. I want it to come to the front for the Lord and His work. If anyone wishes to write me, I will appreciate a letter from anyone. Pray for me that I may stand true and faithful until the Lord comes for His bride.—A brother in Christ, Willard Carl Bradburn, son of Ernest C. Bradburn of Canton, N. C., Co. B, 14th Infantry, Fort Davis, Panama Canal Zone.

Amidst All My Trials the Lord Blesses Me

DOTHAN, Ala.—Dear saints of God, please pray much for me that I will be an overcomer and do the will of God at all times. It seems sometimes that my burdens are so heavy until I just can't carry the load, but the Lord said He would not allow us to be tempted above what we were able to bear. This is encouraging to me.

And here is another scripture that comes to my mind, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened unto you." Now, dear friend, this is just where I am right now. I just can't understand why I have so many trials. I try to do the best I can, though I know I'm weak and feel so unworthy and make so many failures, but in the midst of all my faults and failures the good Lord comes down in my soul and lets the sweet Holy Ghost speak through me as the Spirit gives utterance. Praise His holy name!

One of my daughters who is saved (she and her husband both preach in the Assembly of God) has been in a serious condition for a long time. She's now in the hospital. The doctor said she had an abscess and would have to have an operation but the abscess burst so she didn't have to have it. Her health is very bad.

But here is the greatest trouble. I have two sons in Youngstown, Ohio. One of them has been sick with heart trouble and not able to work but just a little along for about two years. A younger son went up there the first of August and is working in a steel mill. He was sending me some money all along until about six weeks ago. I have written them three or four times, sent one registered letter a few days ago and I can't even hear a word from either one of them. I don't know if they are dead or alive and most of all they were unsaved. I ask all you saints to please pray much that God will save them and heal their bodies. I also have two others who are not saved. Pray that the Lord will supply my needs. I had to stop the only boy, or only child that's at home with me, from school to work for us. He worked hard

and got his books and got to go to school only six weeks. Pray that if it's God's will He will provide a way that I can send him back to school. May the Lord bless everyone who reads this, both saints and sinners. If anyone feels led to write me I'll be glad to hear from you. Brother Rouse, if you read this, please pray for the Lord to heal my children and save every one of them and pray that I will get a hearing from my sons some way.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. N. A. Corley, Route 5, Dothan, Ala.

Divine Healing Taught in the Bible

STILLMORE, Ga.—Dear readers, I thank God for what He means to me. I thank Him for healing my body many times. The first light I ever had on divine healing was when I was down sick four years and the last doctor of five who treated me said the best he could tell it was cancer and the quickest way to the hospital was too slow, if I were his wife; but as the doctor stepped out of the room Jesus stepped in. As I had read the Bible often I remembered Mark 5:25, and I said, "Lord, if you healed her when you were here on earth, you can heal me now. And if you will I will tell it to the world," and I was healed that day. That was nearly ten years ago and I am still healed. Praise the Lord for His healing power. Since then He has sanctified me and baptized me and three of my children with the sweet Holy Ghost and we now belong to the great Church of God. We praise God for all that.

We look to God for everything. My head and ears are afflicted. Will you saints please pray that God will undertake and heal? for you know that is the Word. I am already praising the Lord.

We are hungering and thirsting for a revival here in Stillmore. Pray much that God will have His way.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Mattie Ranew, Rt. 2.

Thank the Lord For it All

DILLON, S. C.—I praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, which still abides.

I am trusting the Lord for my body and thank Him for healing me of high blood pressure and heart attacks. The Lord is very good to me. Brother Rouse prayed for me at the Assembly and told me to trust the Lord and I would be better. I am not completely healed but lots better. I have not taken a drop of medicine since. I thank the Lord for it all and ask every reader to pray the Lord to increase my faith so I can be completely healed and be stronger in Him and closer to Him.—Your brother in Christ, Rufus Hubbard, Box 322.

A Sinner Healed

ROSE HILL, Va.—Dear Evangel family, I am glad to testify to a most remarkable case of divine healing.

I was in a very bad state of health. I could not work and gave up my job in the mines after spending over \$1,000 for medicine. I could eat only toasted eggs or sweet milk and at times I would vomit. Everything else I ate would hurt me and I smothered until I could not lie in bed. All the medicine I used did me no good.

In June, 1935, after suffering for about nine months, Waldron Asher of Essie, Ky. prayed for me and told me to eat anything I wanted, I have been eating anything I want ever since and I can work at hard labor in the mines and at all other kinds of labor.

I am unsaved and ask all the Christians who read this to pray for me to get saved. If you are suffering with stomach trouble and believe in God, I believe this man's prayers will do you more good than all the medicine you can use. You may call to see him or write him for prayer. Please pray for me.—An unsaved man and friend, Willie Napier.

Prove it in Deeds and Not Words

CANDLER, N. C. — To my many friends and readers of the Evangel, we as the church at Luther, known as Candler No. 2, are coming along just fine. We are a very small church but with big ideas. We do things for the Lord and expect the Lord to multiply them into big things.

We had a little Thanksgiving program and took an offering for the orphans at Cleveland, Tenn. and received \$8.00. Now if your church did not take a Thanksgiving or Christmas offering for the dear little children, please see to it that your church takes one next year. Let's all, everyone of us, take one next Thanksgiving for these sweet, little children.

I happened to know they are sweet because I spent six months in Cleveland, Tenn. about three years ago and got well acquainted with these children. They have a dear place in my heart. I am trying to prove it in a small way by my actions and not words. Now if you and your church love them as I do, prove it in deeds and not words.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Delta Perdue.

Glad to Know the Lord Can and Does Heal

VARDAMAN, Miss. — Dear readers, today I am happy to tell you I was at the Assembly this year again and had a great time. It was the best place and more done in as little a time as I ever saw, but

when I got home a severe pain came in my side and held on for over two weeks. I have trusted the Lord a long time for my healing and have been healed many times, so I promised the Lord if He would heal me of this spell, I would testify to the healing of my body. I got so bad I could sleep but very little, but the Lord wonderfully healed me. I praise Him so much for it.

I am glad of the great Church of God and all it means to me. I am glad to know that the Lord can and does heal and I am feeling fine tonight. Praise the Lord for the great healing power.

I prayed for many at the Assembly who got healed, and where I can I pray for the sick and afflicted and send anointed cloths. Pray for me.—J. R. Nicholson, Rt. 2.

Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus

WILLISTON, Fla.—Dear saints, praise God forever. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psa. 150:6.

I know God is blessing all who will let Him, Mal. 3:10. We surely received a blessing at our church one Sunday night along the first of the year. The power fell and our pastor, Brother C. M. Phillips, didn't preach any as the Holy Ghost took charge. Thank God. And my sister, Josie Mae Jerrell, who had not walked without the aid of a crutch for about four years, shouted and ran with joy. She was healed and the old crutch still hangs on the wall at the church as a sign of God's wonderful healing power. Thank God.

And now I think is the time to testify for God. I made a vow to God and I want to keep my vow. Ecc. 5:4, 5. While I was a child of Satan I made a good one as I was very bad. But thank God, I am now redeemed by the blood of my Savior Jesus Christ. The Comforter spoken of in John 14:26 abides in my life and soul. Praise God. I hope that I can be a blessing and hold up the standard of Jesus to the lost and dying world and be a brother to every child of God.

I am a child of God. Saints, pray for me that I will fight a good fight and when Jesus comes be ready to go possess my home in glory with Him.—Your brother in Christ, Leamon W. Weil.

All Glory and Praise to God

I was saved August 27, 1935, and the Lord blessed me with the Holy Ghost twenty-two months later, while attending services conducted by Brother Frank Johnson in Birmingham. On October 10, 1937, I attended religious services held at the Municipal Auditorium in Birming-

ham, by the Church of God people. Brother L. G. Rouse was there and I listened attentively to his explanations to lay aside all jewelry and glasses and rely exclusively on God to be healed. As I went with five or six hundred others for him to lay his hands on, I resolved to lay aside my glasses and trust God to fully restore my sight. I felt nothing unusual and did not try my eyes till next morning.

Once before, early in July, I had tried by prayer to God, in faith, to read, and did read some without glasses with much difficulty, and as others were present I felt if I could be alone and pray, God would restore my vision. Yet, I scarcely thought of it again until in the Auditorium when I made my resolution.

On that Monday morning, my vision was clearer than that time in July and I was determined to trust God. During the day every time I prayed my vision improved, and soon I was reading telephone numbers. By night my head ached, and I asked God in the name of Jesus to take my pain away. He did instantly. Every day my vision has become stronger, and I now read the finest print in newspapers. For eleven years I could not read without glasses. In fact, I needed glasses to see rapidly the letters on typewriter keys. I know God wants me to testify to this. Twice yesterday before congregations I testified and my sight is better. I find when I fail to testify, or have a doubt, my vision is not clear. Then, in prayer, again I go to God in the name of Jesus, and get relief. Even since beginning this testimony God has blessed me by making common punctuation marks very clearly.

Twice, while my vision was somewhat cloudy I asked others to pray that it would be restored as in my childhood. I find God wants me to tell others what He has done for me. Two people whom I told have been saved since. God does heal today. Jesus is resurrected, and in His name there is no limit to what God will do in answer to prayer.

I glorify and praise God for the good works which Brother Rouse is doing in the name of Jesus, by faith, and through the power of God. Glory to my God, and hallelujah to Jesus my Savior. I am glad Jesus told us to, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." It is not only my duty to glorify our Father for the way Brother Rouse lets his light shine, but I am made happy and blessed through his faith and righteous living. James 5:16. Again, all glory and praise to God for Jesus Christ our Lord.—O. B. Cornelius, 2026 2nd Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.

Requests

Please pray a special prayer for me; I am laboring under a heavy cross. Pray that God will come on the scene.—Marvin Weems, Trafford, Ala.

Please pray a special prayer for my afflicted boy that God will heal his body and save his soul before it is too late. Brother Rouse, please pray for him. Pray and fast for him if you feel led. Also pray for my husband that he will obey the Lord and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved children and friends. Pray that we will be true.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Esby Estes, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

Please pray for me and my dear boys, they are in sin. Pray that God will save them and give them full salvation.—Mrs. Garfield Markland, Rt. 1, Box 132, Erwin Tenn.

Please pray for me; I have heart and kidney trouble. I have been healed many times in His name.—Wm. Pulliam, Narrows, Ky.

Please pray for me, I have been sick for three years. The doctors have failed on my case but I know the Lord can heal me.—Irine Salmon, Clayton, N. C.

Christians, please pray a special prayer for Waycross, Ga. church. The devil is trying his best to destroy it but the Lord is able to deliver.—Jackie Hughes.

I have just had a bad case of flu and it has settled in my head and is hurting me badly. Please pray for me to be healed and that I will always trust the Lord. Pray for my wife, she has some kind of bad smothering spells.—Your brother, H. L. Engle, Dwarf, Ky.

Dear Evangel family, we are working in the state of Arkansas this year. Since coming here my wife and I have taken some kind of breaking out and it is turning into boils on my wife. Please pray a special prayer for us; we need your prayers that the Lord will give us souls here and heal our bodies.—Your humble brother in Christ, Chas. W. Sullivan, Rt. 2, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Please pray for my baby, he has a breaking out on his face, it is just one big sore. I fully trust the Lord, so please pray for him.—Mrs. Tom D. Smith, Sr., Gen. Del., Borger, Tex.

Please pray for my husband that he will receive the blessing before it is too late. Pray that I will be true.—A sister, Birdie Parton, Arden, N. C.

Please pray that God will heal me, I am very nervous. Pray for my children and husband, we are trying to live right.—Mrs. Howard Whisman, Marion, Va.

Please pray for my husband that God will save and heal him. Also pray for a friend of mine, Mrs. Zona Looney, that she will be healed of T. B. and receive the Holy Ghost. Pray that I will stay true.—A sister, Mrs. Fannie Cable, Nashville, Tenn.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my little granddaughter, Janice Richard, who was run over by a car on Christmas day, and both legs between the knee and hip were broken.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. B. Wimberly, Houston, Miss.

Saints, pray for my husband that he will come to the Lord before it is too late. Pray that I will stand true.—A sister, Mrs. Virgie Barton, Oak Grove, La.

Please pray for my husband, he has been almost down for some time with a bad hurting in his breast and arms. My husband is a sinner so pray for the healing of his soul and body, if it is the Lord's will. Pray for me and my home that it might become a home of prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Altoona, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray for me; I am in a bad condition and I am trusting the Lord to carry me through and give me health. Pray that I will grow stronger in the Lord and have more faith to trust Him. Pray for my family too. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Eula L. McGee, Rt. 1, Star, Miss.

Please pray earnestly for the meeting at Tomcliff, that the Lord will save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost, also heal.—Evangelist Steve Burks, Accoville, W. Va.

Please pray for the healing of my body; I have something like neuritis in my head and teeth and they hurt me so bad. I am trusting the Lord for my healing. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my boy who is sick with a bad cough. Also pray that he and my other children will be saved.—A sister in Christ, Ila Macaby, Benton, Ill.

Please pray a special prayer for Miss Helen Rice who is in a serious condition.

Pray until she gets completely healed, she believes in healing. The doctors are going to take her arm off, it is afflicted in the shoulder, so please don't pass this urgent request by. She is saved but not completely trusting the Lord. Pray for this entire family to see the light on the Church of God and get the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will be an overcomer.—Yours for the master, her aunt, Mrs. Alonzo Rice, Shepola, Ky.

Please pray a special prayer for me, I am weak in the Lord and need more faith.—One who needs prayer, Ferris, Tex.

Dear saints, please pray for me that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for Friendship community also. The people used to go to prayer meeting but have fallen back in the paths of sin. This leaves only two of us to carry on God's work in this community. We are trying hard to carry the work on. Brother Baker is fourteen years of age and I am seventeen and we desire many special prayers that we may hold to God. Brother Carlisle Ratteree is afflicted with asthma and desires the prayers of the saints that he might be healed. I am not a member of any church at present but I intend to join the Church of God as soon as possible. Pray that God will be with us in our work for Him and that some one will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—A brother in Christ, J. T. Wolfe, Rt. 3, Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear saints, please pray for God to open a way for my cousin and me to get out and work for Him. We feel led to work for the Lord but it seems the enemy hinders.—Two sisters in Christ, Monteen Owen and Maline Pilgrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

Please pray for my sister and brother that the Lord might save them.—Viola Kimbrough, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Dear saints, I desire your prayers, my burdens are so great. Sometimes it looks like I can't go any further but I have a little talk with Jesus and then I go on rejoicing. Pray for me, I lost my husband and don't feel at home here anymore. Pray for God to save my children and sister.—Mrs. W. M. Boger, Rt. 1, Box 235, Graham, N. C.

Please pray for God to save my husband. Pray for our church that it will rise and shine and that we will have a sweeping revival. I also have an unspoken request for prayer. Pray that I will be drawn closer to Him and be an overcomer.—A sister in Him, Mrs. J. M. Aycock, Rocky Ford, Ga.

Obituaries

KIRKLAND

Sister Sarah Elizabeth Kirkland was born April 6, 1864 and departed this life Dec. 26, 1937. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. The funeral rites were held at the Church of God, Greenwood, S. C. conducted by Brother H. Lloyd Hunt, assisted by Evangelist Helen L. Morrow.

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SMITH

Our beloved father, R. L. Smith, departed this life at the age of eighty-six years, nine months and twelve days. He was a good Christian and loving father.—His daughter, Mrs. R. W. Crider, Rt. 1, Wedowee, Ala.

WHITE

Sister Lilly White of Sarasota, Fla. departed this life Dec. 27, 1937 at the age of forty-three years. Sister White united with the Church of God Aug. 30, 1936. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother H. E. Stone.—C. A. Ford.

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BAKER

Brother Eli Baker died Dec. 16, 1937 at the age of thirty-seven years. The funeral was conducted at the First Baptist church at Great Falls, S. C. by Brother J. W. Hannah, pastor of the Church of God, assisted by Mr. Hammit, pastor of the First Baptist church, and burial was at the Wateree cemetery. He was a loyal member of the Church of God.

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BROWN

Mrs. Hattie A. Brown died Dec. 6, 1937 at the age of seventy years. She was a devout member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother J. M. Murray, and burial was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery near Moultrie, Ga.—Her pastor, Jessie K. DeGolyer, Moultrie, Ga.

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FLOWERS

Mrs. Sophie M. Flowers was born in June, 1853 and died Nov. 19, 1937, age eighty-four years. She was a real Christian and a believer in the Church of God. Interment was made in the Tifton, Ga. cemetery with the writer officiating.—Jessie K. DeGolyer, pastor, Moultrie, Ga.

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ROBBINS

Sister Christine Adeline Robbins was born May 17, 1856 and passed away Dec. 12, 1937, age eighty-one years, six months and twenty-six days. She joined the Church of God July 18, 1937 in Enid, Okla., the day the Church of God was set in order here. Pray for the ones

who suffer her absence.—Brother and Sister Frank H. Dance, Enid, Okla.

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BUSBY

Mrs. Ada Mae Busby was born Aug. 24, 1911 and died Nov. 30, 1937. Pray for her loved ones that God will comfort them.—Mrs. Eudora Pearson, Donna, Tex.

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STANDIFER

Little Bobby Wynn Standifer, son of Frank and Elsie Standifer, went to be with Jesus Dec. 8, 1937 at the age of one year, two months and twenty-seven days. Oh, how we miss him, but Jesus had a better place for him.—Written by one who loved him so dearly, his grandfather, C. H. Standifer, Shelburn, Ind.

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CLOWERS

Brother T. E. Clowers was born near Madisonville, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1886, and died at Sweetwater, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1937. He was a charter member of the Church of God at Hiwassee, Tenn. and was faithful to death. The funeral was conducted by Brother W. A. Walker, who set the church in order and was his pastor for many years. He was buried in the church cemetery.—A. B. Dixon.

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HILEMON

On Dec. 4, 1937, death claimed little Lacy Hilemon, son of Brother and Sister Frank Hilemon, age eleven years, six months and nine days. He prayed and held to God until death. The funeral was conducted by Van D. Browning at the Church of God at Christian, W. Va. and interment was in the Christian cemetery.—Beulah Browning, Davin, W. Va.

CARD OF THANKS

We send our greatest thanks and gratitude to our many friends, both saint and sinner, who stood by us so well and showed their sympathy during the sickness and death of our little son, also our dear pastor whom we love with all our heart, Bro. Van D. Browning. He surely shows his love for the people of God at Christian and is loved by all. Pray that we might receive the Holy Ghost and be ready any time Jesus might come or call. We love the Church of God and intend to stand by it and do all we can for the upbuilding of God's cause and kingdom. Please pray for us through these hours of distress. Ask God to undertake, also give both of us the Holy Ghost.—Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus, Frank Hilemon and wife, Christian, W. Va.

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Thanksgiving Service Enjoyed

We, the people of the Church of God at Bowling Green, Fla., take pleasure in announcing the manner in which we

commemorated Thanksgiving Day. Service opened that morning with our pastor, Brother Bradley, in charge. Songs, prayers and praises were made to God. The Lord put His approval on the service. Brother Brown brought the noon message. I'm sure it was a blessing to everyone present.

The bountiful feast that was spread at noon surely made a spirit of thankfulness surge in every heart.

Different ministers and delegates spoke alternately throughout the day.

Brother Shepherd brought the evening message. God surely blessed. His presence filled the building. The day was completed by a Thanksgiving program rendered that night with the Y. P. E. in charge.

I'm sure all those who were present will never forget 1937 Thanksgiving Day at Bowling Green, Fla. Pray for us here.—Sister Norene Wallace.

REQUESTS

Please pray for my son-in-law that he will quit drinking and will give his heart to God. Pray that God will bring his wife back to the fold. Pray for my son and his wife to give their hearts to God. Pray for God to help us get a church built and that it will rise and shine for His glory. Pray for our pastor. Fast if you feel led and it will be appreciated.—A sister, Effie Couch, Elkin, N. C.

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Please pray that God will give us a revival. Pray for me that I will be able to do more for Jesus, I feel so unworthy. Pray for my husband and children to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—A humble sister in Christ, Bessie Mae Register, Macclenny, Fla.

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Pray that the Lord will make it possible for me to get to go to Wimauma Bible School this summer.—A sister, Ruby Camp, Wellborn, Fla.

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Please pray for me that the Lord will help me quit the tobacco habit. Pray that I will get back to the Lord.—Bosey Anthony, c/o E. S. Raines, Unedus, La.

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I have an urgent unspoken request. Please pray until you have heard from heaven.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Clare Holley, Lake Worth, Fla., 104 H. St., S.

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Please pray for me and my brother that we will hold out faithful. The devil is trying us. Pray for my grandmother, sisters and brother to come to Jesus. I am not satisfied about my receiving the Holy Ghost, pray that I will get satisfied.—A sister in Christ, Emmie Smallwood, Bassett, Ark.

REVIVALS

SPARTA, Tenn.—We praise God for the revival which closed here Nov. 14 with Brothers Woodrow C. Byrd and Willie Huddleston in charge. The Lord blessed our souls as the Word of God was so wonderfully revealed. There were six saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. Many hearts were stirred who have not yet made a start to seek God.

We had communion service the last Sunday night which was very impressive. Pray for the church at Cassville to be able to do more for the Lord this year than ever before.—One in His service, Clara Hefner, clerk, Rt. 6.

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CARROLLTON, Ga.—We have just closed a five weeks' meeting. We surely thank the Lord for sending Brother Pool and his wife this way. We liked Brother Puckett, our former pastor, but we like Brother Pool too. We always try to like our pastor, let come who may, just so he preaches the Bible and lives it day after day. Three were saved, two sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and two reclaimed. We had good attendance. The last night of the meeting the Lord wonderfully blessed. Pray for Carrollton church.

The devil tried to stop me from going to meeting but I had to stay at home only one night, though my chest got so tight from a cold I could hardly get my breath. I walked the floor and yard trying to get my breath. My husband and children were begging me to have the doctor and I told them no. When Brother and Sister Pool came in I asked them to pray for me and they did. The Lord came on the scene and my head opened up so I could get my breath and sleep well. Pray that the Lord will completely heal me of the cold, and pray that He will heal my family too.—Mrs. M. O. Meeks, 4 First St.

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SOMERSET, Ky.—We have just closed a successful four weeks' revival with Sister Mary Denny doing the preaching. The dear Lord blessed every service and the house was full every night. Many were saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. Sister Denny is a fine evangelist. We have a wonderful band of people here. They are ready to do their best for God and His Church. I am well pleased with the way God has blessed us. The Y. P. E. is going good. They have a fine leader, she is doing all she can to interest the young people and God is blessing them.

Brother pastor, if you want the church you pastor to shine, please pray through and God will make it shine. My address is still the same, 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.—Solomon Scalf, pastor.

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WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—We just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother B. A. Ratchford doing the preaching. Backsliders and others prayed through to God. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. Pray for us at Wichita Falls that God will help us over here in a great way. Pray that God will bless our efforts in repairing the parsonage; we want to do some more repair work on the church also. The folks had a new coat of paint on the building when we came over, which made a wonderful change and of which we were proud. Pray for God to give us a great year at Wichita Falls.—An old soldier for the Church of God in Texas, G. E. Anthony, 309 N. Brook.

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PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—I have just closed a ten days' meeting at Kynertown. The Lord surely did bless. Seven were saved, two sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost and the meeting closed with eight or ten in the altar. I am giving them my services every two weeks. This is a new place. Please pray that we can get a church set in order there. The enemy is working hard.—Your humble brother in Christ, Tom Pearson, Rt. 1.

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KISTLER, W. Va.—We began a revival at Lundale, W. Va. Nov. 7 which lasted two weeks, with Sister Lucinda Blankenship in charge. The Lord blessed from the very beginning and saved nine souls, sanctified four, and filled two with the Holy Ghost. Two were baptized and two added to the church. The revival closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. The Lord's presence and power was felt throughout the entire service and the saints were much encouraged to press on. We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless here.—W. C. Edgell, pastor.

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—The revival at Johnson City has just closed conducted by Brother A. J. Swift. We are happy to report twenty saved, twelve sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. We were happy to have visiting ministers from over the district with us, and are greatly encouraged over the progress the church is making. We covet your prayers.—Your sister, Mrs. S. L. Wallace.

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WILCOE, W. Va.—A very successful revival has just closed at the Church of God at Wilcoe, W. Va. with Brother

Harry Powell doing the preaching and the Smith brothers of Beckley, W. Va. in charge of the music and singing. The meeting started Oct. 24 and closed Nov. 14. Seventeen souls were saved, sixteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival also proved a great blessing to the saints.

Our church here is getting along fine. We were very glad to get our pastor, Brother E. R. Clower, back this year. We all love him, he is a wonderful pastor and never tires of putting forth efforts for the upbuilding of the church. Pray for our church and its future progress.—A sister, Miss Gladys Shatley.

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JONESVILLE, N. C.—We closed a meeting at Statesville, N. C. Sunday, Nov. 21. Brother Ray Collins is pastor there. We had a very good time. The revival ran for two weeks. Three were sanctified, two saved and the saints were edified.—Your brother, R. C. Triplett.

Church Teachings Not Grievous if We Have the Victory

BRILLIANT, Ala.—Dear saints, my desire today is to be in the services of the Lord and to be centered in His will. I have many loved ones wandering in sin, not thinking of where they will spend eternity. I am praying that every one of them will be saved before it is too late.

We have a good church and Sunday School here. I praise God because there are still some here who have the victory and mean to serve God. We also have a W. W. B. We are doing fine spiritually.

We praise God for our pastor. We have the same pastor, Brother Ashmore.

It is wonderful what the Lord will do for us if we will only let Him. The reason the Lord doesn't bless people like He used to is because they won't let Him. They don't live like they used to, pray like they used to, attend service like they used to, and dress like they used to; and some people say they can't live up to the teachings of the Church of God, but, praise God, if anyone is prayed up, with victory in his soul, it is not grievous to live up to the teachings. I had rather have Jesus in my heart and life and victory in my soul than anything in this world. I have got willing to do anything for the Lord and to give up everything for Him. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us but He would go with us all the way, never allow us to be tempted above that we are able to bear, but in every temptation He would make a way for our escape. Praise God.—Mrs. Ada Barton.

No one can display the Christian spirit so well as one who obeys the laws of love for love's sake.

MISSION PAGE

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'round-the-world tour. He is a poor man and handicapped otherwise by the loss of a lower limb, yet he is setting the paces that many young missionaries could—or would—not step up to. In returning from Nanking by train he was unable to get off on arrival at Shanghai, because of war refugees stampeding to get aboard. So he was carried back about twelve miles inside the Chinese battle lines, where he just had to dive from the platform into a veritable sea of people, all of a strange tongue. Then, it would be that his wooden leg got jammed between the feet of people on the train when he jumped, and there he struggled with the express ready to pull out. Fortunately he fell into the hands of some friendly police or soldiers, who gave him a night's lodging and put him on another train bound for the city the next day. The same scenes were re-enacted almost to the letter on the second arrival at Shanghai. So this time he scrambled through an open window, and someone threw down his suitcase, but both his canes were lost in the stampede. Poor old fellow lost some more of his belongings, when he got caught in the Shanghai war zone, and that's the way it goes with a great many in these troubled times.

As for Brother Pitt, he was a former ordained minister of the Free Methodist Church, and is a Canadian citizen. On our return to the homeland, he wrote a letter expressing regret that we were unable to reach his field while in China. There were a number of Chinese Christians waiting for water baptism, and they had planned some special meetings. I should like to quote him in part: "Dear friend, I will gladly be the link in the gospel chain that spans the world with the Church of God message; and join with you all in the song 'Praise God the Sun Never Sets on Our Missions.' Should it please the board to appoint me and take charge of our work, our aim shall be to prove that we are not the weak link; and remember a chain is never stronger than when welded with obedience, love and prayer. Our work speaks for itself. We have a fine church, the property costing more than \$2,000.00 and the membership is all full of zeal and strives to win others for the Master's use. The only sorrow that I have is that you were not able to come to us and see the trust God has given us, and that the Holy Spirit abides. We have a membership of over 300 at Langshan, where I baptized 124 in about a year's time. Of the outside work I keep no record, but there are over 300 at Yeh Tau. We have five little out-stations. I am on my tenth year in China without a furlough and do not

look for rest until Jesus calls me. Your approach to us is an answer to years of prayer, and I am driven by the Holy Spirit into fellowship with the Church of God, and praying that our work and property will fall into their hands."

Brother Pitt, who comes to us highly recommended, has made formal application for membership in the Church of God, and has been accepted. Counting this group we have a total of 36 more missions established this year with a combined membership increase of approximately 2,300. This, of course, includes additions to the older missions. 1,042 of this number were added to our ranks in India. I might say further, that this merely represents the gains made in the fields where your servant has been called to minister during his second world-mission crusade. Taking this into consideration, and noting the progress made in other fields, we leave it to our readers to judge as to whether or not foreign missions justify the feeble—yes, feeble, I say when reviewing my own past endeavors—put forth. We give God all the glory for what has been accomplished, and if there was any human element deserving credit, it should be attributed largely to our loyal missionaries and native workers. Of course, these can not carry on independently of our prayers and financial backing, prayer being the principal need. If we pray through on the matter of missions, or what not in the line of God's work, we may expect the finance to be forthcoming. After all, money is about the least asset to successful missionary work. If a person had millions at hand, and could not get God interested in his program, nothing worth while would be accomplished. I don't know so much about the rest of you, that is, how God is leading, but my puny efforts cost many hours of mental agony. Even some of these articles, that may be meaningless to others, were thought out and put into print after whole nights were spent in prayer and meditation, the spirit of slumber gone, fasting for lack of desire to take temporal food, often near to faint through mental and physical exhaustion. Yet it is no sacrifice, glorying in the Lord, "who hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

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service is the time for spiritual nourishment at your church. If the pastor will endeavor to let the Holy Ghost lead him and all pray together, this will be a time of nourishment and strengthening to the inner man and no other service can take its place. No excuse apart from sickness or some physical disablement will be ac-

cepted from those who fail to attend this all important service.

It is a fact that just going to church on Sunday morning will not altogether comply with the demand that God makes upon us. We may go and never put forth an effort through prayer or otherwise to be a blessing to others. Every church member ought to be interested in all the other members. They should also be interested in all the other services that have the stamp and approval of God. I am not here discussing how many meetings you should attend but I am stressing the importance of the Sunday morning service, and no other meeting can be substituted for this service, if you expect to have God's best. Some might say, "To put too much stress on the Sunday morning service would be detracting from other services, but I am persuaded to believe that those who are greatly interested in the Sunday morning service, will also have an interest in other services. I am not trying to minify the importance of Sunday School or any other service of the church, but I am trying to say in the strongest language that I know that the Sunday morning service is the one important service for the lovers of truth. How careful and prayerful the pastor and people should be."

I attended a Sunday morning service once when the entire service was taken up with an important measure consisting of a collection. The preacher gave a ten-minute talk at the close on why people were not spiritually alive. There were three ladies who visited the church that morning and passing out by them and shaking their hands, I said, "We are glad to have you." One of them, with a look of disappointment, said, "My, I came this morning to have my soul fed and I am so disappointed." I explained to her that this was not the usual occurrence and it was quite different on most occasions, but I thought about how sad it was for these precious souls whose hearts were yearning for encouragement and help. Oh, the good we all may do while the days are going by.

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enth, "The holiness of Paul." We must have our bodies under subjection and uphold the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. Eighth, "The power of Peter." We need power for service and power to live for Christ.

We were asked to pledge, that by the help and grace of God we shall make it through to heaven, by raising our hands.

In closing, everyone sang "In the Sweet By and By." The service was dismissed with prayer by Brother Beaubé.—Mary Burnett.

WHO ART THOU?

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terial bent, determined to conquer every obstacle, moving out of the way every obstruction that might counteract his desire to accomplish colossal achievements, and they do move them out of the way, even mountains. Our government in carrying out her national program, stops at nothing. She goes forth, explores, plans and conquers. She builds scenic highways to wonder at, spans great bodies of waters with bridges, builds great government buildings so spacious as to make us marvel, spans the Royal Gorge to have something technical to conquer. Her engineers, after reading their instruments, modestly state that such and such a mountain must come down, and so it does.

Who art thou, O great mountain, Who art thou that would thwart the children of God? We see great trainloads of material in transit on its way to be used in accomplishing a great task. As she is unloaded at the base of the mountain a heavy steel track is laid. On this great steam shovels creep toward the mountains. After a barrage of high explosive has done its work, pretty soon we ride over this mountain that once stood high and lofty, but now is made a plain. God help us to move every mountain that opposes us. But the Lord says unto us, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit." Again, we appreciate the day of small things, but now it is time for big things. David says in Psa. 119: 126 it is time for the Lord to work. Let's let God work. O saints, let's pay the price of God's perfect will that He may do big things. Oh, it is time, it is time! God will do greater things for us and be glorified if we will only obey as instruments in His hands so that He can. He will move the mountains if we will only be the instruments.

Again, we must realize that we are being opposed. We are living in the day of adversity. But the wise man says in Prov. 24:10, "If thou faint in the day of adversity (our day), thy strength is small." Let's not faint! O saints of God, give way to God, obey and see Him move mountains. Paul says we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. We have worked, worked and worked. We have labored nearly all night and have taken nothing. Jesus says the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Oh, let's let God work now. Simply obey. Obedience is the need of the hour. Amen.

By Christ meeting the demands of justice for men's sins He made it possible that all men could partake of His wonderful mercy and love. Otherwise, men would be forced to satisfy justice for his own sins.

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